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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated 12/18/00, please amend the above-identified application as shown below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 4-20 and 22-43 without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of the following new claims 50-60:

50. (New) A service provisioning system, said system comprising:

programmed computer means for negotiating with another entity, in response to a request

from said other entity, to provide a service;

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